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1. AFTER TWO MONTHS OF HEAVY CONCENTRATION ON THE SOVIET UNION'S "DECIDING" ROLE IN WORLD WAR II, THE POLISH MEDIA ARE AGAIN GIVING SOME ATTENTION TO THE U.S. AND WESTERN ALLIES. THERE IS ALSO CONTINUING EMPHASIS ON THE POLISH CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHTING ON VARIOUS FRONTS.

2. A HIGHLY FAVORABLY DEPICTION OF DACHAU'S LIBERATION BY U.S. FORCES APPEARED IN THE WEEKLY TYGODNIK POWSZECHNY ON APRIL 27. IT CREDITS GENERAL PATTON WITH FOILING A GERMAN ATTEMPT TO
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EVACUATE AND MURDER THE PRISONERS AND SINGLES OUT THE AMERI-

CAN TASK FORCE COMMANDER WHO LIBERATED THEM FOR HIS QUICK
THINKING AND COURAGE. REPORTING RECENT SOMMEMORATION CEREMONIES
AT DACHAU, THE PARTY DAILY TRYBUNA LUDU ON APRIL 28 ALSO POINTED
OUT THAT UNITS OF THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY HAD LIBERATED THE
PRISONERS, OF WHOM ONE-THIRD WERE POLISH.

3. ZYCIE WARSZAWY, IN ITS WEEKEND ISSUE APPEARING APRIL 25, FEA-
TURED A LENGTHY ARTICLE ON THE MEETING OF U.S. AND SOVIET ARMIES
IN GERMANY. IT QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM EYE WITNESS ACCOUNTS AND
FROM STATEMENTS MADE AT THE TIME BY LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND
BY THE COMMANDERS INVOLVED. THERE WAS ONE POLITIT>

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